THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Agreements for an IBRD loan of US $ 157.4 million, a special fund credit of SDRs 122 million and IDA credit of SDRs 12.4 million were signed with the World Bank in March, 1985. The IBRD loan carried a commitment charge of 0.75 per cent per annum and SF and IDA credits carry commitment charge of 0.5 per cent per annum for the loan/credit not utilised from time to time. The IDA/Special Fund credits and IBRD loan allocated to the hydroelectric power project component have been surrendered since the Project is yet to receive the clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Preparation of Master Plan for DESU by Swedish Firm

1586. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU has entrusted the job of preparation of Master Plan for power generation by 2005 to a Swedish firm;

(b) if so, what is the amount to be paid or has already been paid to the firm by DESU for the purpose; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the work of preparation of such Plans are entrusted to foreign companies when highly qualified engineers/planners are available in our own country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The Delni Electric Supply Undertaking has entered into an agreement with M/s. Swedpower for providing consultancy services for preparation of a Master Plan for the Distribution System in Dehi to meet the anticipated load growth upto the year 2005 A.D. The agreement also envisages supply of computer software package and training of personnel etc.

(b) and (c) The entire cost of providing consultancy services including the supply of software packages and training of DESU staff, is being met from a grant by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). The agreement with M/s. Swedpower was entered into in the context of the grant by SIDA.

Items not permitted with foreign collaboration

1587. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items listed by tne D.G.T.D., where foreign collaborations are not permitted;

(b) in what circumstances exemptions are allowed; and

(c) how many such exemptions have been granted during the last five years and who have obtained such exemption and for which item of manufacture?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) There is a list of industries where no foreign collaboration, financial or technical is considered normally necessary and requests for collaboration in this list are not normally considered. A copy of the list is enclosed. (See below).

(b) and (c) Government policy regarding foreign collaboration has been to bridge the technology gaps in tne industrial sector. Import of technical know-how is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export oriented or import substitution manufacturing or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet efficiency domestic requirements and/or to become competitive in the export market.

During the last 5 years (i.e. from 1983 to 1987), 4259 foreign collaboration proposals were approved. The details of approved foreign collaborations showing the names of Indian and foreign firms, itmes of manufacture and nature of collaboration are